

Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today released a statement objecting to the presence of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) at a recent National 4-H Conference. King's purpose is to inform 4-H leaders and members of the extreme anti-animal agriculture agenda of HSUS.

"The Humane Society of the United States is a political machine masquerading as an umbrella organization for local humane societies," King said.

"HSUS bills itself as an animal care organization but it spends less than 1% of its \$100 million annual budget on direct animal care. Instead, HSUS solicits money from well-intentioned but often uninformed animal lovers and uses these donations to lobby Congress for an anti-meat, anti-animal agriculture agenda. HSUS is run by vegetarians with an agenda whose goal is to take meat off everyone's table in America."

On March 23, 2010, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) led a session entitled "Animal Instincts: Service Learning and Animal Welfare" at the National 4-H Conference. Leaders of the Humane Society of the United States have made past statements indicating they would like to see animal agriculture end.

John "J.P." Goodwin, the manager of Animal Fighting Issues at HSUS, told AR-Views, an animal rights Internet discussion group, that his "goal is the abolition of all animal agriculture." Wayne Pacelle, president of the Humane Society of the United States, told Animal People News his stated goal is to create "a National Rifle Association of the animal rights movement," and he implemented a "no animal products in the office" policy shortly after becoming HSUS President.

"4-H has a rich history of livestock care and production," King said. **"In the summer, 4-H members put in long hours raising and training animals for county fairs across the country. What could 4-H leaders be thinking to invite HSUS to make a presentation to young 4-Hers? The livestock industry can't be very happy with their decision. 4-H invited an organization actively working against animal agriculture, a staple component of 4-H programs, to present at its national conference."**